

HONORING MICHELLE “MISSY”
PALMISCIANO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Michelle “Missy” Palmisciano is Founder and President of County Harvest—a non-profit food rescue organization she began in 2009 to ensure that good food otherwise being discarded was instead saved and delivered by volunteers to area soup kitchens, food pantries and homeless shelters.

With more than 200 volunteers, and relationships with dozens of County-based agencies and food donor businesses, Missy and her award-winning organization do more than 60 food rescue runs each week and have collected over 1 million pounds of food since County Harvest began feeding thousands of men, women and children every year. County Harvest continually seeks new food donors and agencies throughout Westchester County.

Missy is also a member of the Planning Board for the Village of Pelham Manor and an Advisory Board Member for Community Service Associates in Mt. Vernon. She has served as a Board Member for the Junior League of Pelham as co-chair of Community Outreach, member of the Prospect Hill Site Based Counsel, Board Member of Huguenot Nursery School and various committee roles supporting The Picture House and the Pelham Public Library’s Novel Night.

She and her husband James have three children: daughters Jessica, and twins Allison and Sarah. She is being honored by the Pelham Civic Association for her extensive work in helping her community to be a better, and healthier, place to live. I salute her for her good works and wish her every success in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ROBERT AND CAROLYN BLACK OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Robert and Carolyn Black of Valparaiso, Florida. A tireless and dedicated member of my staff who has been with me since the beginning of my time here in Congress, Bob is the epitome of an unwavering public servant, and I am grateful to have known him and his wife Carolyn for over twelve years. I am proud to honor the Blacks and congratulate them on this remarkable milestone.

Bob and Carolyn, both born into military families, have called many places home; however, it was each of their homes in Ohio in the 1960s that would prove to be particularly special to them. Their parents were both stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside of Springfield, OH, and as neighbors, Carolyn was literally “the girl next door.” Bob and Carolyn attended the same school, Greenon

High. Bob’s wit and intellect won over Carolyn’s heart and became a perfect match to her grace and charm. As high school sweethearts, on November 23, 1963, Bob and Carolyn were married.

The son of an Air Force Pilot, Bob followed in his father’s footsteps and was commissioned in the United States Air Force. Over the course of the last fifty years since their paths first crossed, Bob and Carolyn’s journey would include assignments throughout the U.S. and around the world. Bob was steadfast in his commitment to support the varied missions of the United States, whether it be operating C-130s or C-141s, fulfilling his test pilot obligations, or commanding troops responsible for safe passage of everything from penguins to Presidents. Carolyn, having been daughter to a pilot herself, was equally steadfast in her commitment to the mission of a military wife and mother. She focused her troops on the active exploration of what each new location had to offer, the intentional effort to forge strong relationships with one another, and the importance of an open mind. It is unquestioned that the success of their partnership is possible because of the strength and love Bob and Carolyn share.

Bob’s last assignment as the Vice Commander of the Air Force Development Test Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida brought them to the Gulf Coast in 1992. Bob retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in October 1994, though, with Carolyn’s continued support, he continues to contribute to the defense of our country, including his role on my staff as my Senior Military Advisor.

Bob and Carolyn have accomplished much together, but their greatest achievement is their five daughters. They are the proud parents of Christine (and Brian McCann), Shana (and Christopher Swartz), Kelly (and Shawn Swartz), Sarah Kate, and Anna Lauren, and proud grandparents to Jack, Kate, Alden, and Bridget. All five daughters have continued their parent’s commitment to family, community and compassion through their professions, such as nursing, medical research and specialty healthcare for Veterans as well as their personal endeavors such as programs for special needs children and Scouting leadership. Needless to say, Bob and Carolyn enjoy spending time with their family and the beauty of the Emerald Coast.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am humbled to recognize the dedicated service of Bob and Carolyn to the Northwest Florida community and this great Nation. My wife, Vicki, and I congratulate the Blacks, our dear friends, on their Golden Anniversary and wish them and their family all of God’s blessings. May He grant them many more years of good health and happiness.

THOMAS O. BOORMAN

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas O. Boorman, a man who dedicated much of his life to serving others. Thomas spent four years serving on a mine sweeper in the Navy. He went on to serve for twenty-six years in the United States Air

Force, flying over five hundred missions in a B-52.

Upon his retirement from military service, Thomas felt the call to continue serving his community. He first joined the Placer County Sheriffs office and then worked as a control officer at Folsom State Prison.

Thomas Boorman was an avid sportsman and adventurer and a devoted supporter of the Second Amendment. He would speak openly about his love for his country, his community and the unique freedoms that Americans enjoy. His commitment to our freedoms was consistently illustrated by his lifetime of military and public service. Please join me in honoring Thomas Boorman, a man of lifelong service who will be sorely missed by so many.

HONORING THE GLACIER PEAK
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2013 Glacier Peak High School girls cross country team. On November 9, the Grizzlies repeated as 3A cross country state champions, and I would like to congratulate them on their impressive achievement.

The Grizzlies’ championship title is the result of the hard work and strong effort of the entire team. I would like to give special recognition to senior Megan Davis, the team’s top finisher at the state competition this year. Megan finished 12th overall with a time of 19:00.13. Beyond Davis, the team’s success came from the efforts of freshmen Heidi Smith and Natalie Church, sophomore Charlie Sevenants, juniors Katherine Dittmann and Haley Longstreth, and senior Samantha Northrop.

The Glacier Peak girls cross country team has a legacy of success. Since it was established in 2007, the team has never finished any lower than seventh at the state competition, including three state championships in the past four years.

The Grizzlies’ impressive record of success is a testament to their incredible work ethic and the impressive coaching of Dan Parker. Coach Parker has provided the Grizzlies with the encouragement and training necessary for the team to continuously perform at such a high level of competition.

Again, I congratulate the Glacier Peak Girls Cross Country Team on all of their success. Their accomplishments and awards from this season are hard-earned and well-deserved.

CAROL SALZMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Carol Salzman for her outstanding service to our community.

Carol began her career as a critical care nurse at Exemplar Lutheran Medical Center in 1978 and is now the executive director of the